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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Tara Lynn Gray
*Chief Executive
Officer*

**RE: Letter of Support for Congressman Jim Costa for Chairman of the House
Agriculture Committee**

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

Board of Directors
James Archie
President
Higher Vision Media

We are writing to you to support Congressman Jim Costa becoming the next chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Congressman Costa is a longtime member of the committee and a representative of one of the world's most productive agricultural regions, California's Central Valley.

Debra Bradley
Vice President
Citizens Bank

Congressman Costa has represented our region in elected office for decades, first in the California Legislature and now in Congress. California's 16th Congressional District, which he represents, includes parts of Fresno County, which is the largest agricultural producing county in the United States.

Dr. Cassandra Little
Secretary
CARE Consulting

Congressman Costa understands the issues that affect agriculture and all the industries that are supported by it. He has also been a longtime advocate for federal nutrition programs, expansion of freight markets for U.S. farm products, workforce issues, immigration, agricultural research, natural resources, and on-farm conservation programs.

Corey Jackson
Treasurer
ScrubCan

As a locally-based membership organization, the Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce engages, educates, and empowers small, diverse, Black businesses in the Fresno metropolitan area. Since our founding in 2001, we have continued to advocate for the greater African American community's interests, including equitable regional economic development, investments in infrastructure, quality jobs, and healthy communities. We enjoy the Congressman's support in our work and offer ours in turn.

Brandon K. Gary
Member at Large
Building Better
Communities
Foundation

T'Shaka Toure
Member at Large
Toure & Associates

We know that you are very familiar with your home state's agricultural industry and with Congressman Costa's excellent work as a representative of the Central Valley. We appreciate you taking the time to consider our opinion. As such, we hope you will agree that Congressman Costa chairing the House Agriculture Committee would be as good for California as it would be for our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Gray".

Tara Lynn Gray, CEO
Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce



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